



POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS **<http://poetsroundtableofarkansas.org>**

2020 Jeanie Dolan Carter Memorial Collegiate Contest

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) is a statewide, non-profit organization established in 1931. It is the oldest poetry organization in the state dedicated to the study of poetry and the encouragement of poets. PRA participates in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS).

PRA is again sponsoring a college student poetry contest in the upcoming year. We are promoting this contest to students across the state and asking college faculty to partner with us in sharing materials with students. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE. This contest will award the top three winners a total of one thousand dollars (1st--\$500, 2nd--\$300, and 3rd--\$200). Materials are attached and posted on PRA's website. We hope you will encourage students to enter this contest. PRA would appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Information about PRA and this contest can be found at poetsroundtableofarkansas.org. Or you may contact PRA President Frieda Patton, at patton.frieda@gmail.com, or PRA Collegiate Contest Chair Donna Smith at tndsmith@live.com.



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Sponsored by the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas

Attention Arkansas Collegians: Do you write poetry? You could win \$500. Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas is pleased to announce the 2020 collegiate poetry contest, open to all Arkansas college students ages 18-25. There is **NO ENTRY FEE**. Entries will be accepted beginning January 1, 2020.

Form: Free verse

Line Limit: No more than 40 lines

Postmark Deadline: March 15, 2020

Awards: First Place \$500, Second Place \$300, Third Place \$200

For more information and complete rules visit poetsroundtableofarkansas.org

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CONTEST GUIDELINES

WHO: Arkansas college students, ages 18-25, are invited to participate in PRA's statewide poetry contest for college poets. Applicants must currently be enrolled in Arkansas colleges or universities. The March 15, 2020 postmark deadline will be used as the qualifying date for the age requirement.

WHAT: Students may choose any subject for the poem. Please submit one entry per poet in Free Verse form, within 40 lines. Vulgar language will be disqualified.

WHEN: Entries will be accepted January 1, 2020 through March 15, 2020 (postmarked). Winners will be announced in April.

WHERE: Winners will be invited to receive their awards at PRA's Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration on April 18, 2020. Checks will be mailed to winners who cannot attend.

HOW: Prizes will be awarded for: 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$300, and 3rd Place \$200. Judges' decisions will be final. Winners' qualifications will be verified before prizes are awarded.

RULES: No entry fee required. Students, ages 18-25, currently enrolled in Arkansas colleges or universities may enter one poem between January 1, 2020 and March 15, 2020 (postmark deadline). Entries must include a completed contest entry form and proof of age (copy of driver's license or other official document showing birthdate). Poem subject - Any; Form - Free Verse; Line Limit - 40; Font - Times New Roman (size 12). Send two copies of the poem, one with no identifying information, one with name/address/email in the top right corner. Poems will not be returned. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified. By submitting a poem, you are declaring that it is your own original work. Plagiarism will be disqualified.

Mail complete submissions to: Donna Smith, Collegiate Contest Chair, 58 Briarwood St., Greenbrier, AR 72058. For questions contact Donna at 501-679-7324 or tndsmith@live.com January 1, 2020 through March 15, 2020 (postmark deadline.)

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CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

College: _____ Birthdate: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Title of Poem: _____

What is your level of interest in poetry and poetry organizations? Mark all that apply.

- Reading Poetry Sharing my poetry Learning more about poetry
- Discussion of poetry Poetry critiques Networking with other poets
- Poetry contests Guest speakers Workshops Publishing my poetry

Would you be interested in joining or forming a PRA branch at your school? Yes No

Be sure to include:

- Complete Contest Entry Form
- Two copies of your poem -- one with contact info in the upper right; one without it
- Proof of age 18-25 at time of contest deadline. Photocopy of one:
 - College ID (if birthdate is on it) Driver's License State Issued ID
 - Birth Certificate Other official document showing birthdate

Read the Contest Guidelines for complete contest rules.

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